MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER :

Works done by the Varkala Village Union.

(i) Thirteen public wells have been improved.

(ii) Steps have been taken for improving sanitation.

(iii) Arrangements have been made for the installation of lights and the construction of a cattle pound and a public latrine.

Works done by the Kadakavoor Village Union.

(i) Steps have been taken for the installation of street lights, the construction of a cattle pound, the improvement of public tanks, and for improving the sanitation of the Union area.

(ii) Arrangements have been made for the introduction of scavenging service in the Union area.

Grants to Visha Vaidyasalas.

575. *MR. K. M. PAUL : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for grants to Visha Vaidyasalas received during the year 1120 ;

(*b*) the number of applicants to whom grant has been allowed; and

(*c*) the places where these Visha Vaidyasalas function ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Seven.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) 1. Kavumbhagom (Thiruvella taluk)

2. Chavara South (Karunagapally taluk).

MR. K. M. PAUL : May I know from the Government how many applications for grant to Visha Vaidyasalas were received from the Muvattupuzha Taluk.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I have no information on that point now.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether the Government have collected the necessary data concerning deaths due to snake bites, as was promised in the last Session of the Assembly ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : The Director has been asked to prepare a statement.

Ayurveda Hospital for Ponkunnam.

576. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken towards the establishment of the Ayurveda Hospital at Ponkunnam ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : A departmental Ayurveda Hospital is not considered necessary at Ponkunnam.

MR. K. G KESAVAN NAIR : May I know from the Government what were the reasons which led to this conclusion ?

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: There is already a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala there. The general principle is that if the Vydyasala is properly and efficiently functioning, and if there is a sufficient number of inpatients, Government will consider starting of a grant-in-aid Hospital.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: In view of the answer that a departmental hospital is not considered necessary, will the Government be prepared to give financial assistance to a private individual if he undertakes to conduct a hospital?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, when the hospital has the sufficient number of inpatients, Government will give more grant to that institution, and raise it to the status of a hospital.

Vaidyasala at Kunnamthanam.

577. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the public praying for the establishment of a grant-in-aid Ayurveda Vaidyasala at Kunnamthanam in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) the action taken in the matter?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A grant-in-aid Vaidyasala has been opened at the place.

Municipal Park, Vaikom.

578. ✻MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Vaikom Municipality requested Government for the acquisition of a site for the Sachivottama Shashtiabdapurthi Memorial Municipal Park;

(*b*) the action taken so far in the matter; and

(*c*) when the site will be made available for the purpose?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) 1st Vrischigom 1120.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under enquiry.

Night soil Depot at Thevalli, Quilon.

579 ✻MR. K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed orders to remove the night soil depot at Thevalli in Quilon town;

(*b*) how long is it since that order was passed; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of this depot are put to very great inconvenience and are suffering from diseases?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) and (*b*) The night soil depot in Quilon is not at Thevalli, but it is in Kureepuzha, and Government ordered on 3rd July 1945 that it should be shifted from there, but owing to the difficulty in getting a less objectionable site an alternative proposal to instal a septic tank arrangement is under investigation by the P. W. D.

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